Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 22 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 23 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 21 May 2021 at 16:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for largely fine but cold day Saturday and a fine start Sunday. Lower for details regarding rain band approaching from southwest Sunday and perhaps becoming slow moving over northern Scotland Monday, but higher again for becoming more settled towards midweek.

Headline for Saturday 22 May 2021: Sunny spells and scattered wintry showers. Cold but winds easing

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 22 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny
Precipitation probability							
10%	<05%	10%	10%	20%	30%	20%	<05%

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Weather: Clear spells with a risk of one or two showers across western Argyll hills, these falling increasingly as snow above about 600m. A bright day follows with some sunny spells and scattered showers, falling increasingly as snow above about 700m. The showers tending to die out later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 75% rising close to 100% by late afternoon.

Visibility: Occasional cloud above about 600-750m then lifting above the summits later. Away from cloud visibility very good or excellent falling to just a few kilometres in snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	29/38 NE	25/32 N	24/30 N	18/25 N	15/22 NW	15/22 NW	13/20 NW	8/11 W	8/10 S
900	21/30 NE	18/25 N	14/20 N	15/22 N	13/20 NW	12/19 NW	12/18 NW	7/10 W	6/8 S
600	23/31 NE	16/21 NE	13/18 N	13/20 N	12/19 NW	12/19 NW	12/19 NW	7/10 SW	5/7 S
300	15/23 N	9/13 N	6/10 NW	11/17 N	11/18 NW	10/18 NW	10/18 NW	3/5 SW	4/6 S
Glen	8/18 N	6/12 NW	7/14 N	10/18 N	10/19 NW	12/21 NW	11/20 W	5/10 W	3/5 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-15	-6/-14	-5/-14	-4/-11	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-4/-8	-4/-9
900	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-8	1/-5	2/-3	2/-2	2/-3	-1/-4	-2/-5
600	1/-6	0/-5	1/-4	3/-2	4/-0	5/1	4/-0	2/-1	1/-1
300	3/-1	2/-1	3/0	6/2	7/4	7/5	7/4	5/3	3/2
Glen	5/3	4/2	6/3	9/6	10/7	10/8	9/6	6/5	4/3
Freezing Level*	500m	500m	500m	600m	700m	800m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Valley temperatures near plus 1 or 2 Celsius at dawn. Unseasonably cold at height.

Forecast for Sunday 23 May 2021

Weather: Dry with clear spells through the early hours. Then a dry, bright start but cloud increasing through the morning with rain spreading northeast soon after midday, the rain heavy for a time and preceded briefly, above about 900m, by snow. Some late sunny then clear spells developing for the evening with a few showers.

Maximum wind: Southerly or southwesterly around 10-15mph backing southeasterly 20-25mph, gusts around 40mph over higher ridges and summits, by midday. Winds turn more southerly again later and ease.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 75% at first falling close to zero by early afternoon. Chances rise again during the evening.

Visibility: Occasional cloud above 600m at first and again in evening, gradually becoming periods above about 450-600m through the late morning and for much of the afternoon. Away from cloud, very good or excellent falling to just a few kilometres in heavier rain and perhaps a kilometre or less in any snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around plus 1 or 2 Celsius at dawn rising to plus 11 Celsius by day
At 800m: Around plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 600m rising above summits later

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